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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. DANIEL GOLDY (US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) SAW ACTING FONMIN GLIGA NOVEMBER 16 TO DELIVER INVITATION FOR CEAUSESCU TO VISIT CHAMBER'S WASHINGTON D.C. HEADQUARTERS FOR RECEPTION OR MEETING ATTENDED BY PROMINENT US BUSINESSMEN AND CONGRESSMEN. STRESSING PUBLIC RELATIONS MOMENTUM WHICH EVENT COULD GIVE TO ROMANIA'S QUEST FOR MFN STATUS AND TO US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN GENERAL, GOLDY STATED THAT AMBASSADOR BOGDAN HAD SEEN NO REASON WHY IT COULD NOT BE FITTED INTO CEAUSESCU'S SCHEDULE. GLIGA REACTED FAVORABLY, AGREEING TO TRY TO OBTAIN CEAUSESCU'S RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. GOLDY ALSO PROPOSED THAT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT BE SIGNED BY CHAMBER PRESIDENTS AT PUBLIC WDC CEREMONY ATTENDED BY NIXON AND CEAUSESCU IN ORDER BOOST PUBLIC IMPACT. GLIGA'S REACTION AGAIN WAS POSITIVE, BUT HE SUGGESTED DETAILS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN BOGDAN AND USG. IF GOR INTERESTED, GOLDY SAID, US CHAMBER WOULD SEEK WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.

3. GOLDY THEN REVIEWED CURRENT MFN STATE-OF-PLAY, SPEAKING AS SOMEONE WHO HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF ROMANIAN
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MFN STATUS AND WHO KNOW MANY OF CONGRESSMEN INVOLVED. HE SAID

HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD FAIL IN ATTEMPT
TO SHELVE TITLE FOUR AND THAT MFN AMENDMENTS WOULD PREVAIL --
POSSIBLY IN PERIOD BEFORE CEAUSESCU'S ARRIVAL -- IMPOSING IMIGRATION
CRITERIA WHICH COUNTRIES INVOLVED WOULD HAVE TO MEET NOT ONLY
TO GET MFN TREATMENT BUT ALSO TO RETAIN OR OBTAIN EXIM BANK
CREDITS IN WHICH CASE SOME COUNTRIES, IF CRITERIA NOT MET,
WOULD STAND TO LOSE GROUND, NOT JUST STAND STILL). GLIGA DID
NOT RISE TO IMIGRATION ISSUE, BUT COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED CHAMBER
WOULD DO ALL IT COULD IN TIME REMAINING TO PROMOTE MFN FOR
ROMANIA AND AGREED WITH GOLDY THAT VISIT WAS PROPITIOUS TIME
TO TRY TO SEPARATE ROMANIA FROM USSR ON MFN ISSUE.
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